



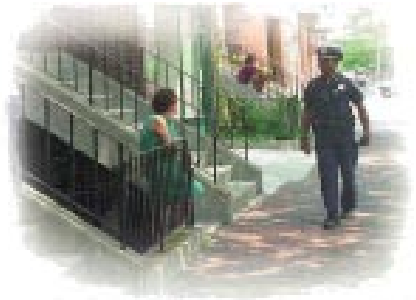
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Public Safety
Programs Division

Community Policing

Fact Sheet

Community Policing in Massachusetts

Traditional law enforcement methods alone cannot address the issues of violent crime, drugs, gangs, and other quality of life problems affecting Massachusetts communities. No single police department can, on its own, win the battle against crime. In order to be successful, law enforcement officers must gain the community's trust, confidence and support.



Community Policing is not simply a program, or a specialized unit within a police department. Community Policing is both a philosophy and an organizational strategy emphasizing collaboration between law enforcement, government, and citizens within a community. Police agencies are challenged to develop a new vision for the future of their department, and to translate that vision into action.

Purpose

The State Funded Community Policing Grant Program enhances public safety through the development of collaborative efforts between law enforcement, other local government agencies, businesses, schools, community/social organizations, and citizens. Community participation is essential in identifying the sources of crime and formulating appropriate strategies. Community Policing challenges police to join with the community to address crime and quality of life issues. Police officers engaged in community policing act as catalysts in their communities, mobilizing neighbors to work together, with each other and the police department, to identify and address conditions that detract from the quality of life.

Starting with 34 communities participating in state fiscal year 1994, the program has expanded to include 331 communities throughout the Commonwealth in fiscal year 1999. These communities have implemented a variety of innovative programs, such as school resource officers, elder programs, mountain bike patrols, and citizen police academies.

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Prevention

- Community Policing strategies place police officers in schools, neighborhoods, senior centers, and on foot, mountain bikes, and motorcycles.

Training

- Today's police officer is becoming a highly trained, visible professional, in tune with his or her community.

Partnership

- Departments are reaching out to their communities through Citizen Police Academies, Youth Police Academies, Neighborhood Crime Watches, neighborhood meetings, Police Athletic Leagues, multi-jurisdictional counter crime task forces, and much more.

Innovation

- Departments are taking advantage of emerging technologies to enhance contact with their community. This improved communication is accomplished through information sharing initiatives such as: department web pages, information bulletin boards, e-mail, and cable access television programs.

**Executive Office of Public Safety
Statewide Community Policing Program
FY94 - FY99**

Fiscal Year	Number of Participating Communities	Award Amount
FY94	34	\$5,000,000
FY95	182	11,160,000
FY96	240	12,160,000
FY97	286	12,660,000
FY98	312	17,660,000
<u>FY99</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>20,160,000</u>
Total		\$78,800,000

Community Policing Mission Statement

Community Policing is an integral part of combating crime and improving the quality of life in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is based on the belief that police officers and private citizens working together can help solve community problems related to crime, fear of crime, and quality of life issues. Community Policing requires greater citizen responsibility and provides the opportunity for citizens to contribute individually and collectively to improve public safety and quality of life in the community. It enhances police professionalism by providing officers the training, technology, and motivation to act innovatively to solve community problems.

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